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SUBJ: DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES AND TAX LIABILITIES FOR FOREIGN

SERVICE NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL.

REF: STATE 183999

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL FOLLOW:

A. DIFFERENCES: DIPLOMATIC: NON-DIPLOMATIC:

VEHICLES: MAY BE IMPORTED TAX-FREE AND SOLD MAY BE IMPORTED TAX-

TAX-FREE IF BOTH CAR AND DIPLOMAT FREE BUT MUST BE

REMAIN SIMULTANEOUSLY IN COUNTRY EXPORTED UPON DE-

FOR 3 YEARS. THE VEHICLE MAY BE PARTURE FROM COUNTRY.

SOLD AFTER TAX HAS BEEN PAID IF CAR

AND DIPLOMAT REMAIN IN COUNTRY

FOR 2 YEARS.

FOOD: MAY IMPORT USDOLS 375 IN FOOD PER NO IMPORTS ALLOWED QUARTER.

ALCOHOL: MAY IMPORT 20 LITERS DUTY-FREE PER NO IMPORTS ALLOWED QUARTER.

TOBACCO: MAY IMPORT 3 KILOS PER MONTH NO IMPORTS ALLOWED

GASOLINE: MAY PURCHASE 300 LITERS TAX-FREE NO TAX-FREE PURCHASE

EACH MONTH ALLOWED

PERSONAL

EFFECTS: MAY BE IMPORTED DUTY-FREE MAY BE IMPORTED DUTY-

FREE DURING FIRST 3

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MONTHS OF ASSIGNMENT

MERCHANDISE

IMPORTATION: MAY BE IMPORTED ANYTIME DURING NONE ALLOWED EXCEPT

TOUR AFTER AUTHORIZATION BY BOTH DURING FIRST THREE

CUSTOMS AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN MONTHS

AFFAIRS

B. ACTION TAKEN:

VEHICLES: SEE A ABOVE FOR RECENTLY IMPOSED RESTRICTION ON SALE OF VEHICLES. SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE CONSIDERED JOINT DEMARCHE BUT NO CONCRETE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN OR PREPARED YET.

OTHER DIF-

FERENCES: OTHER INEQUITIES IMPOSED BY GOA HAVE BEEN EQUALIZED ADM-INISTRATIVELY BY EMBASSY AND ALL EMPLOYEES SUFFER OR BENEFIT EQU-ALLY.

C. THE ONLY FINANCIAL IMPACT OF DIFFERENCES AT PRESENT IS THE RESALE VALUE OF PERSONAL VEHICLES. UNTIL VERY RECENTLY DIPLOMATS AND NON-DIPLOMATS ALIKE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SELL A TWO-YEAR OLD AUTO-MOBILE AT OR NEAR ITS PURCHASE PRICE. UNDER PRESENT REGULATIONS NON-DIPLOMATS MUST EXPORT PRIVATE VEHICLES. AS YET NO EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN FORCED TO EXPORT A VEHICLE.HAYNES

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